

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTIES OF POTTER  
AND RANDALL  
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 20<sup>th</sup> day of March 2012, the Amarillo City Commission met at 1:30 p.m. at City Hall on the third floor in Room 303 in the Conference Room for review of agenda items and consideration of future agenda items.

The City Commission met at 3:00 p.m. in regular session in the Commission Chamber located on the third floor of City Hall at 509 E. 7th Avenue, with the following members present:

PAUL HARPOLE	MAYOR
ELLEN ROBERTSON GREEN	COMMISSIONER NO. 1
BRIAN EADES	COMMISSIONER NO. 2
LILIA ESCAJEDA	COMMISSIONER NO. 3
JIM SIMMS	COMMISSIONER NO. 4

Absent were none. Also in attendance were the following administrative officials:

JARRETT ATKINSON	CITY MANAGER
VICKI COVEY	ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER
DEAN FRIGO	ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER
MARCUS NORRIS	CITY ATTORNEY
KELLEY SHAW	PLANNING DIRECTOR
DONNA DERIGHT	CITY SECRETARY

The invocation was given by Gene Shelburne, Anna Street Church of Christ. Mayor Harpole led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Proclamations were presented for "Safe Digging Month," "Kick Butts Day 2012" and "American Red Cross Month."

Mayor Harpole established a quorum, called the meeting to order, welcomed those in attendance and the following items of business were conducted:

ITEM 1: Mayor Harpole presented the minutes of March 13, 2012. Motion was made by Commissioner Simms, seconded by Commissioner Escajeda, and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes.

ITEM 2: Mayor Harpole asked Emmett Autrey, Director of Utilities, to present the State of the Water Report for 2012. Mr. Autrey presented information on the drought last year and the amount of water that was used in comparison to other years. He stated that residents and businesses are encouraged again this year to continue following the Drought Contingency Plan. Mr. Autrey advised that the Water Conservation Campaign kicked off with a meeting of the largest top ten water users and the City has started working on the Campaign to provide citizens with information on ways to conserve water. Remarks were made by the City Commission about the need for everyone to be conservative with their water usage especially during the spring and summer months.

ITEM 3: Mayor Harpole presented an ordinance amending the Amarillo Municipal Code, Chapter 16-3, Traffic, and Chapter 2-6, Boards and Commissions. These changes are designed to remove the City Driveway and Parking Manual from the current ordinance and to place the authority for revisions with the City Traffic Engineer, subject to public notice, hearing requirements and comment from the Amarillo Traffic Commission. Motion was made by Commissioner Escajeda, seconded by Commissioner Eades, that the following captioned ordinance be passed on first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 7321

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF  
AMARILLO, TEXAS: AMENDING THE AMARILLO MUNICIPAL CODE,  
CHAPTER 16-3, TRAFFIC, ARTICLE 8 REGARDING CERTAIN

DEFINITIONS USED IN THIS CHAPTER; ARTICLE II, DIVISION 2, REGARDING APPOINTMENT OF THE CITY TRAFFIC ENGINEER; AND ARTICLE X, DIVISIONS 1, 2, 3, 4 REVISING VARIOUS REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES FOR DRIVEWAYS AND PARKING ; AND CHAPTER 2-6, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, ARTICLE V, AMENDING DUTIES OF THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR CONTINUATION OF PRIOR LAW; PROVIDING PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

Voting AYE were Mayor Harpole, Commissioners Green, Eades, Escajeda and Simms; voting NO were none; the motion carried by a 5:0 vote of the Commission.

ITEM 4: Mayor Harpole advised that an appointments are needed for the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 1 Board of Directors. Motion was made by Commissioner Eades, seconded by Commissioner Green, and unanimously carried, to reappoint Scott Bentley, City of Amarillo representative, John Ben Blanchard, Amarillo Independent School District representative, Richard Brown, City of Amarillo representative, H. R. Kelly, Potter County representative, and appoint John Betancourt for the expired term of Sonya Letson, Potter County representative, such terms to expire March 20, 2015, and reappoint Richard Brown, Chairman, such term to expire March 20, 2013.

ITEM 5: Mayor Harpole presented the consent agenda and asked if any item should be removed for discussion or separate consideration. Motion was made by Commissioner Green, seconded by Commissioner Simms, and unanimously carried, to approve the consent agenda and authorize the City Manager to execute all documents necessary for each transaction.

A. Purchase – Radio Network Repeaters:

Award on Panhandle Regional Planning Commission Interlocal Agreement to E.F. Johnson Technologies - \$25,122.00

This approves the purchase of two, VHF radio repeaters. These repeater units will augment an existing repeater location, which is part of the Panhandle Regional Interoperable Communications System.

B. Purchase – Computer Network Hardware and Licenses:

Award on State of Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) Cooperative Purchasing Contract to Synetra - \$169,099.32

This approves the purchase of computer network switches, the associated licenses and related items for the current City network. This equipment replaces existing primary network switches located at City Hall and the Police building and will provide redundancy for both locations.

C. Award – Hamlet Park Splash Pad:

Award to low responsive bidder:

Kraftsman Commercial Playgrounds & Water Parks - \$155,526.00

This is a contract to construct a new splash pad and two shade structures at Hamlet Park. The splash pad will encompass approximately 1,590 square feet and has several features unique to Hamlet Park, including a water feature in the shape of the school mascot.

D. Award – 2012 Arterial Street Overlay Project:

Award to low responsive bidder:

L.A. Fuller & Sons Construction, LTD. - \$2,159,016.00

This is a contract for the annual arterial street overlay project. The contract includes repairs, milling and installation of a new layer of hot-mix asphalt on ten existing arterial street segments.

- E. Award – Former Police Department/Courts Buildings Demolition Project:  
Award to low responsive bidder:  
Empire Environmental Group, L.L.C. - \$162,586.70

This is a contract to demolish and remove the former Police Department, Municipal Court, and Police Garage buildings located on the block bounded by Buchanan Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Fillmore Street, and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The contract includes the full demolition of these structures, removal of the debris, and restoration of the site to a level surface. This site will be used for construction activities associated with the future Downtown Convention Center Hotel and will also be the site of the Downtown Parking Garage.

- F. Approval - Fire Department Heavy Rescue Training Course:  
Award to proprietary provider:  
Texas Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) - \$26,000.00

This approves the funding for ten members of the Amarillo Fire Department to attend Structural Technician II training at Texas A&M in College Station. The training is provided by TEEX and is a continuation of Structural Technician I training from the previous year. The attendees are all involved in the City's Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) program and this specialized training will provide them with additional education and experience to be used in case of large structural collapses or disasters.

- G. Approval – City of Amarillo Investment Policy:  
This item is the annual approval of the revised Investment Policy for the City of Amarillo. State law requires the City to have a written investment policy and for the City Commission to review and approve the policy on an annual basis. The primary revisions to the Policy include those required by recent changes in the Texas Public Funds Investment Act, to clarify the Certificates of Deposit section, changes to the training and reporting section, and the addition of a monitoring section for money market mutual funds. Finally, the Policy includes a statement regarding yield calculation and clarifications as to the collateral the City will accept under the Public Funds Collateral Act.

- H. Approval – License and hold Harmless Agreement:  
License and Hold Harmless for a seven foot tall fence and an underground electrical service line encumbering N.W. 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue right-of-way for Plains Dairy L.L.C.

- I. Dedication and Acceptance – Water Line Easement:  
A 10 ft. water line easement in Section 42, Block 9, BS&F Survey, Potter County, in the vicinity of Westgate Parkway West and Mall Ring Road for the installation of a water main.

Mayor Harpole announced that this is the end of the regular agenda, but time is reserved to hear any citizen concerning matters pertaining to City policies, programs or services. The public forum is set under the Open Meetings Act and that during the public forum the City Commission can respond with a statement of fact, a statement of city policy or decide whether to place an item on a future agenda. Commissioner Simms stated that he has always been listed in the telephone books in order to be available to any citizen but for some reason this year, he was left out of the *Yellowbook* phone book and he wanted to let people know about the omission. He stated that he is listed in the AT&T phone book.

Mayor Harpole advised that the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

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Donna DeRight, City Secretary

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Paul Harpole, Mayor